

Esteemed Commission Members;I am very concerned about the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160 limiting the types of programming that satellite radio companies can offer, particularly local traffic and weather information.

I live in St. Louis and am an XM radio customer. For the last three days we have had tornadic weather conditions and flooding. Tornado warnings sounded while my family and I were out at a local home improvement store and the next night getting ready to leave for a discount store.

After checking on local radio for storm information, the only place I found it was on my XM local traffic and weather station. Local radio was too busy playing ads or songs to report on a life-threatening storm, or they no longer have a news department that can even do so since many local radio stations are not based locally anymore.

I urge you to REJECT NAB's petition 04-160, not only as a satellite radio customer, but as a citizen of the midwest who needs up-to-date weather information on a timely basis.

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